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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS US "BLACKMAIL" OVER PAKISTAN'S
PLANNED PURCHASE OF FRENCH NUCLEAR PLANT

SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT RADIO STATIONS AND ONE DAILY, QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS, HERE PLAYED UP AFP STORY THAT "PAKISTAN COULD LOSE ALL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID AND FIND ITSELF DEPRIVED OF THE RIGHT TO BUY AMERICAN ARMS IF SHE CONCLUDES A PURCHASE OF A FRENCH NUCLEAR RETREATMENT PLANT." THE STATEMENT IS ATTRIBUTED TO A SENIOR OFFICIAL, SPEAKING FOR SECRETARY HIMSELF. RADIOS HAVE LABELED STATEMENT "BLACKMAIL" AND QUOTIDIEN (INDEPENDENT LEFT) CALLS FOR GOF TO "REAFFIRM ITS INDEPENDENCE." REST OF PRESS CAN BE EXPECTED TO PICK UP SIMILAR THEMES. MINISTER OF INTERIOR MICHEL D'ORNANO, MAIN CAMPAIGNER OF FRENCH NUCLEAR SALES ABROAD, WILL, AS MAYOR OF DEAUVILLE, PROBABLY BE GOF OFFICIAL MEETING

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SECRETARY'S PARTY ON ARRIVAL. END SUMMARY.

L. FRANCE-INTER, THE MAIN NETWORK OF THE STATE-RUN RADIO, COMMENTED MONDAY MORNING: "ONE CANNOT SAY THAT THE AMERICANS LACK FRANKNESS BUT THIS IS NONETHELESS NOT DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE. KISSINGER'S WHOLE SKILLFULNESS, I BELIEVE, CONSISTS OF MAKING PEOPLE SAY ALOUD WHAT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY SECRETLY THINKS. FIFTEEN DAYS AGO HELMUT SCHMIDT WARNED ITALY LAST WEEK, THE US FIRM IMPERIAL PETROLEUM CO. GOT RID OF A TOO BOTHERSOME MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN PERU. BUSINESS WEEK, WITH NATURAL DELICACY, CALLED THIS THE REOPENING OF PERU TO US MARKETS AND INVESTMENTS. YESTERDAY, IT WAS A SENIOR US OFFICIAL WHO WARNED PAKISTAN AGAINST THE PURCHASE OF A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE. KISSINGER PRACTICES WHAT THE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING CALL BLACKMAIL. KISSINGER JUSTIFIES HIMSELF BEHIND A SCREEN OF THEORETICAL REASONS. THE US ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS THAT STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS SHOULD BE AGREED ON BEFORE ANY DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR REACTORS. MAYBE SO, BUT THE POLITICAL REASONS ARE EVEN MORE OBVIOUS. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROGRESSIVELY REGAINED CONTROL OF ITS ZONE OF INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA. IN ASIA IT IS TRYING TO DO THE SAME BY WIELDING THE CARROT AND THE STICK. WITH PAKISTAN, IT IS THE STICK. ON THE ECONOMIC LEVEL, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ABSTAIN FROM SIGNING VERY BIG AGREEMENTS WITH KISSINGER'S BLESSING: FOR EXAMPLE, WITH IRAN...KISSINGER ARRIVES IN DEAUVILLE TONIGHT, BUT HE WILL BE VERY DISCREET. HE IS GOING TO GET A FEW DAYS' REST WITH HIS FRIENDS, THE GUINNESSES, BILLIONAIRES WHO HAVE A VERY FINE ESTATE IN NORAMNDY."

2. QUOTIDIEN'S EDITORIAL GOES ON TO DISCUSS US NUCLEAR SALES POLICY AND CONSEQUENCES FOR OTHER SELLERS AND THE SUBCONTINENT. US (AND USSR) POLICY AGAINST SUCH SALES TO LDC'S, IT CLAIMS, HAS NOT PREVENTED THE US FROM NEGOTIATING NUCLEAR REACTORS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT, "NOR TO MAKE OFFERS TO SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE IT HAS JUST LOST THE MARKET TO FRANCE." AFTER NUMEROUS MEETINGS IN LONDON TO NORMALIZE SUCH SALES, WITHOUT SUCCESS, FRANCE RENOUNCED ITS SALE TO SOUTH KOREA BECAUSE OF US CONSIDERATIONS.

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BUT THEN GERMANY CONCLUDED A \$4 BILLION CONTRACT WITH BRAZIL, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, FRANCE NEGOTIATED WITH PAKISTAN. QUOTIDIEN CONCLUDES THAT US CONCERNS OVER PROLIFERATION ARE "A COMPLICATED WAY OF DEFENDING ITS COMMERCIAL POSITION. BUT MR. KISSINGER IS NOT FIGHTING FOR US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. HE IS TRYING TO PROLONG THE SOVIET-AMERICAN NUCLEAR MONOPOLY. SINCE THE SECESSION OF BANGLADESH, HE HAS ALLIED HIMSELF WITH MR.

BHUTTO AGAINST INDIA, WHICH ALREADY HAS THE BOMB. AT THE PRICE OF A DIPLOMATIC OUTBURST WHICH HEIGHTENS THE SCANDAL, HE HAS JUST RENDERED A SERVICE TO MOSCOW IN CONFIRMING A DISEQUILIBRIUM WHICH PERMITS NEW DELHI TO DOMINATE THE SUBCONTINENT. WILL GISCARD D'ESTAING KNOW HOW TO OPPOSE THIS DIKTAT?"

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3. THE ONLY NOD TO US LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS COMES AT THE END OF INSIDE STORY WHICH EXPLAINS THAT "ACCORDING TO AN AMENDMENT VOTED BY THE AMERICAN SENATE, THE USA SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM FURNISHING ANY ECONOMIC AID WHATSOEVER IF A COUNTRY ACQUIRES A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT WITHOUT ACCEPTING TO PLACE IT UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL." THIS FACTOR IS TREATED AS A TECHNICAL AFTER-

THOUGHT. THE TENOR OF QUOTIDIEN'S COVERAGE IS GIVEN IN THE LEAD OF THE EDITORIAL: MR. KISSINGER "GOES INTO THE NEGOTIATION AS OTHERS GO INTO COMBAT. TO FORBID PAKISTAN TO BUY A NUCLEAR PLANT FROM FRANCE IS THE SAME AS PREVENTING FRANCE FROM SELLING IT. HERE IS A PER-FACT OCCASION FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO REAFFIRM ITS INDEPENDENCE."

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4. THE SECRETARY WILL PROBABLY BE MET AT THE DEAUVILLE AIRPORT BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH MICHEL D'ORNANO, MAYOR OF DEAUVILLE, INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF GISCARD'S INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN PARTY AND A CLOSE COUNSELOR OF GISCARD. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS SINCE HE CAME INTO OFFICE, HE HAS BEEN THE MAIN GOV SALESMAN OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES ABROAD, BOTH FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS AND BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THOSE HIGH TECHNOLOGY AREAS IN INDUSTRY WHERE FRANCE FEELS SHE HAS A SPECIAL CAPACITY IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. D'ORNANO VISITED THE US LAST YEAR, DURING WHICH TIME HE MADE EXTENSIVE TOURS OF US NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

5. A CENTRUST DEPUTY, GILBERT GANTIER, HAS LOST NO TIME JUMPING ON THE ISSUE MONDAY MORNING IN SUBMITTING A WRITTEN QUESTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES ON THE ACCURACY OF THE AFP STORY. IF TRUE, THE DEPUTY ASKS WHAT THE GOV INTENDS TO DO; IF UNTRUE, WHETHER THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL DENIAL OF THIS "INFORMATION SO WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND WHICH IS OF A NATURE TO HURT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAVE TRADITIONALLY UNITED FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES FOR TWO CENTURIES."
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